

QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 24, 2018

Location: Seabourne's home

Chair: Doug Vizard, president

Members Present:

South Pond: Don Taft, Mary Lou Knight, Bill Seabourne, Carrol Yorczyk, Marita Tasse, Judy Nielsen, Doug Vizard, Scott Peckins, Brian McCleary, Meg Noyes

North Pond: Randy & Carlene Weiss

Guests: Pat Seabourne

Meeting called to order: @ 7PM

Minutes approved: electronically and posted on the website

Treasurer's Report: Carlene Weiss submitted a hard copy and unanimous vote to accept.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership: (Carlene, Marita, Meg, Pat, Carrol)
 - 123 current member families. New membership letter was distributed to all potential members in a "year in review" format with updatable personal data and dues for 2018.
 - **Discussion:** Meg is updating the "welcome Packet". Updated "lakes map" submitted for corrections. When should the new phonebook and map be distributed?
 - **Vote:** Unanimous vote that the membership committee will be in charge of distribution when they are ready.
 - Our printer has moved. Suggestions include Staples and the Center of Hope in Southbridge. Membership committee will evaluate.

- Fundraiser: Bill
 - \$17,627.98 raised in a highly successful event. Thank you offered to an anonymous donor offering a match for each \$100 donation.
 - **Discussion:** One letter requested weed treatment on west side of North Pond. Don & Doug will meet with the homeowner to discuss expenses and how we can help.

PROJECT REPORTS:

NORTH POND PRESERVATION:

SWWTP:

Discussion: Doug reported that the current permit process appears to be stalled. He has had no reply to our attempts to obtain info on the progress of the permit. Concern regarding delay as the EPA may take over permitting from the DEP. Should QQLA meet Sen. Gobi's reps at every public meeting? Is there a need to sue over discharge into ground water? Randy discussed the possibility QQLA can sample for bacteria in cranberry brook and the 7 mile river which may intensify our efforts.

Action: Doug will make a renewed effort to talk with Robin Johnson of the EPA. A **vote** was taken to ask ESS if they will sample for e.coli as discussed and cost not to exceed \$500. Don will call ESS.

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION:

Flow Barrier:

Discussion: Doug reported that the new date for a public hearing reviewing engineering plans for the new bridge and flow barrier will be February 8 at the Town Hall of East Brookfield. Our input has been written and distributed: (New Panels & 18" higher & and overall height of the flow barrier to equal the bridge height so there is no boat traffic interference).

COMMUNICATIONS

- Newsletter: Randy
 - Will be distributed after the DOT Bridge hearing on February 8th
- Website: Hank/Randy
 - There is now a "Donate" button on our site that links via paypal. There is a fee charged for this service and Randy will add a text explaining the charge.
 - Changes may include board update and organizational chart addition.

OLD BUSINESS

YMCA update:

There is a new camp director. We will reach out to him via a phone call from Bill, seeking an introductory meeting.

C4R: Don

Discussion: Keith Davies requests our participation again this year in water sampling at 1 site near the NP boat ramp for canoe access in the blueway project.

Action: vote taken and approved to sample as requested for cost of \$150.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Social: Bill

Sunday, April 15 @ E.B.Flatts restaurant from 4:30 – 7:00 \$20pp

Bring a fun gift to “swap”

Phonebook Update: Carlene & membership committee

Personal information form distributed with the membership request and year end update in photos. To be distributed when they are ready.

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 15 @ Meg Noyes' home on Tantasqua Shore Dr. 508-347-3201

Adjourned: 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Nielsen
Recording Secretary